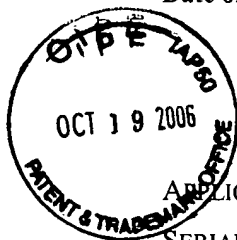


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the April 19, 2006 Restriction Requirement, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 19, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,080.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herein.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18989-028. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I A Beattie".

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